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1. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences

(Special consultative status granted in 1983)

The Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences continues to promote the gathering and dissemination of information related to international issues in criminal justice and crime policy, and to educate its membership and the general public about emerging issues central to social policy and criminal justice. Over the past four years, the Academy has expanded its efforts in the international arena by focusing attention on cross-cultural concerns through its annual meeting and publications. As a membership organization with a diverse membership, the Academy is not in a position to implement policy in any direct fashion. Instead, the Academy seeks to influence policy and practices in criminal justice through education and information dissemination.

The Academy is a membership organization which fosters excellence in education and research in the field of criminal justice in institutions of higher education; encourages understanding and cooperation among those engaged in teaching and research in criminal justice; builds cooperation between criminal justice and related fields; provides forums (two academic journals, a newsletter and an annual meeting) for the exchange of information among persons involved in education and research in the criminal justice field; serves as a clearing house for the collection and dissemination of information; and fosters the highest ethical and personnel standards in criminal justice. The Academy has almost 3,000 members from over 25 countries. Further, the Academy has an active International Section, which is instrumental in promoting international participation at our meetings and educating our membership about international crime issues. Funding for the Academy comes solely from membership dues, sales of our journals and revenue from our annual meeting (held every March).

Participation in the work of the Council and the United Nations

The Academy has sent representatives to various meetings and events over the past four years. Most notably, one of its representatives has been active at Alliance of NGOs meetings in New York and participated in the NGO Conference in New York as our official representative in September 2002. Another representative, a past president of ACJS, attended a United Nations meeting in Courmayeur in 2002.

Implementation of United Nations resolutions

As a membership organization, the Academy is not in a position to implement United Nations resolutions. The Academy, however, attempts to make its members aware of major policy positions taken by the United Nations (typically through its newsletter *ACJS Today*), and the Executive Board of the Academy has debated and passed resolutions in support of United Nations actions and positions in the past.

Other activities

The Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences has been active in promoting international and cross-cultural efforts as they relate to criminal justice research and education. The annual meeting of the Academy typically has panels devoted to international criminal justice issues. Over this four-year period, we have featured

over 70 panels specifically on international issues, with over 200 individual papers. This does not include the many papers and speakers who are included in panels and sessions not specifically identified as "international" in orientation. The International Section of ACJS hosts an international luncheon each year during our annual meeting. This event is used to engender further discussion of international issues and concerns, as well as allow the participants to become more familiar with their colleagues from around the world. The International Section of the Academy continued to distribute its publication *Teaching about Comparative/International Criminal Justice: A Resource Manual*. The Academy's newsletter *ACJS Today* continues to publish notices about international conferences and meetings (such as the World Congress of Criminology) dealing with criminal justice issues. Finally, the Academy is devoting increased attention to international issues and is looking to become more active in its NGO capacity and its international endeavours.

2. Earthjustice

(Special consultative status granted in 1991)

Earthjustice, formerly known as the Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund, is a non-profit, public interest, environmental law organization whose purpose is to provide advice concerning environmental laws, their content and their application on behalf of other non-profit organizations with an interest in protecting, preserving and enhancing the natural and human environment. Earthjustice provides legal representation for other organizations in United States courts and before international tribunals.

Participation in the work of the Council and its subsidiary bodies and other United Nations processes

Earthjustice representatives attended every session of the Commission on Human Rights during the reporting period, making numerous oral and written statements. Earthjustice's participation included working with United Nations officials and members of governmental and non-governmental delegations to promote human rights and the environment.

During the reporting period, Earthjustice attended several sessions of the Subcommission, as well as of the Social Forum of the Subcommission.

Earthjustice attended several meetings of ECE relating to the Aarhus Convention. Earthjustice made oral interventions at the Conference of Signatories in July 2000 and at the expert meetings on compliance in November 2000 and February 2001. Earthjustice participated in the first meeting of the parties to the Convention in Lucca, Italy, in October 2002, and also in the Working Group drafting a protocol on pollution release and transfer register in November 2002.

Earthjustice attended and made oral and written statements of meetings of preparatory committees; an expert seminar on remedies available to the victims of acts of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance; and the World Conference against Racism.

Earthjustice participated in and made oral and written statements at the preparatory process for the World Summit on Sustainable Development and the

Summit itself, where it also circulated documents, organized events and met with delegations.

Cooperation with United Nations programmes and bodies and specialized agencies

During the reporting period, Earthjustice consulted with and presented research materials to the Commission's Special Rapporteur on the adverse effects of illicit movement and dumping of toxic and dangerous products and wastes on the enjoyment of human rights, as well as the Special Rapporteur on the right to decent housing and the Special Rapporteur on indigenous people.

Earthjustice was invited to send an expert to a joint UNEP-Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights expert meeting and seminar on human rights and the environment held in Geneva in January 2002. Earthjustice made a number of oral interventions.

During the reporting period, Earthjustice attended the sessions of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, and met with members and the Chair of the Committee.

Other relevant activities

Earthjustice representatives have met with government officials and other non-governmental organizations to promote the recommendations contained in the final report of the United Nations Special Rapporteur on toxics concerning human rights and the environment. Earthjustice has disseminated numerous copies of the final report in all parts of the world and produced numerous publications relating to human rights and the environment.

Earthjustice representatives also worked closely with, and provided materials to, the secretariat of the Basel Convention, various UNEP programmes in Geneva, and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva.

Earthjustice attended the fifth (December 1999) and sixth (December 2002) meetings of the Conference of Parties to the Basel Convention, where it provided documents and organized events for the delegations.

3. International Jurists Organization

(Special consultative status granted in 1999)

International Jurists Organization is an international non-governmental non-profit organization committed to global governance and human security. It works for the establishment and maintenance of international relations on the basis of law and justice and the establishment of international order based on principled justice among nations. IJO supports the Charter of the United Nations and assists the United Nations and its specialized agencies

For more than 15 years, IJO has been holding biennial conferences, seminars, lectures and workshops in different countries, bringing together lawyers, law professors, judiciary academicians, social activists and students. Since its

foundation in 1987, IJO, with a limited budget and a voluntary Board of Governors, has been continuously hosting events and publicising by writings to further the work of the United Nations. IJO has now expanded its presence in continents of Africa, Europe, and North, Central and Southern America. IJO has participated in various United Nations events and meetings. The IJO President has been accredited as a representative to the United Nations.

Activities during 1999-2002

1999

In its biennial conference, IJO joined World Jurist Association in organizing an international seminar on judiciary and human rights; independence of the judiciary; professional training of judges towards enforcement of the rights of the people; legal prevention and judicial control of corruption; and globalization and the judiciary. It was attended by chief justices, judges and lawyers of more than 20 countries, including Benin, China, Czech Republic, Fiji, France, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Italy, Kuwait, Mauritius, Nigeria, Norway, Seychelles and Zambia (14-17 February 1999, New Delhi, India).

To encourage interaction between NGOs of developed and developing countries, IJO invited a student intern from Finland to work on subjects related to crimes against humanity and the International Criminal Court. The intern travelled and met NGO representatives in India for eight weeks (June-August).

2000

IJO organized a lecture and discussion on the theme "New developments in international law and the United Nations", by the Secretary-General of the Asian African Legal Consultative Committee. He spoke about the limitations of State sovereignty, the emergence of the rights of the people and individuals at the international level, and the process of international governance. IJO representatives participated in the NGO Millennium Forum held in New York prior to opening of the Millennium Summit in September. IJO representatives participated in an NGO meeting held in Geneva. In its biennial programme, IJO organized a meeting on the theme "Globalization and international law" at which the Italian Ambassador, a Chinese diplomat and a Tunisian diplomat spoke about the different dimensions of globalization affecting the working of the United Nations. (5 May, New Delhi).

2001

On the eve of opening of the General Assembly, the IJO delegation participated in the DPI/NGO Conference. In its ongoing programme on United Nations and global governance, IJO arranged a lecture and discussion on 7 December in New Delhi, which was attended by representatives of Japan, Cuba, China and Egypt.

2002

Celebrating the fifteenth anniversary of its foundation, IJO organized a meeting on 13 December, with a lecture on the theme "Globalization, governance and the rule of law".

IJO has decided to launch a web site, which will include the programme and reports of IJO, the text of special lectures and important articles and comments on: international organizations; the United Nations system; the International Criminal Court; and the International Court of Justice. The web site will be updated from time to time.

In addition to the above-mentioned activity, IJO local members in more than 35 countries are supporting United Nations programmes and contributing to press and academic publications, including papers that specifically address the work of the United Nations.

4. Liberty International

(Special consultative status granted in 1987)

Liberty International is a Bangladesh-based international organization for the promotion and protection of human rights, fundamental freedoms and world peace. It is a non-governmental, independent, non-political, non-racial and non-profit organization. It monitors human rights violations around the globe and seeks redress within its mandate. The activities of the organization are directed primarily towards the protection and practical application of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Its activities include publication of its newsletter, conducting studies or enquiring into particular situations or subjects concerning human rights, publishing reports upon them and issuing press statements.

1999

The organization protested against human rights abuses in Iraq and called for immediate release of all persons being imprisoned for their non-violent opposition; published an article on peoples' right to peace and circulated it in favour of disarmament; disseminated copies of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in the Syrian Arab Republic; published an article on human rights violations in Iraq; wrote to Swedish authorities, supporting the asylum application of Ibrahim, who left his country of origin owing to a well-founded fear of persecution for his political opinion; and issued a press statement against the use of chemical weapons, urging a total ban on the sale of chemicals technology and the dismantling of chemical-weapon plants, chemical warfare research institutes and the destruction of chemical weapons stockpiles, under the supervision of the United Nations.

2000

The organization published an article on the erosion of human rights; disseminated copies of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in Japan; and published a review on Human Rights Day.

2001

The organization appealed to Swedish authorities, supporting the asylum application of Paul Naha; expressed serious concern about the continued detention of National League for Democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi; expressed concern about the escalation of tensions between India and Pakistan, drawing the attention of the Prime Ministers of both countries to the Declaration of the Rights of Peoples to Peace and urging them to enter into a dialogue to eliminate tensions; issued a press statement expressing concern about the escalation of armed hostilities between the Sri Lankan Government and the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, resulting in heavy loss of innocent civilian lives, appealing to both parties for an immediate halt in the fighting and to enter into a dialogue to establish permanent peace; disseminated copies of the Declaration on the Rights of Peoples to Peace in Sri Lanka and the Syrian Arab Republic; published articles on the ombudsman concept and on judicial reform; and condemned the killing of Palestinians by the Israeli security forces.

25 November: The organization published a review on "Justice".

2002

The organization expressed concern about the dangerous escalation of war in the Persian Gulf area, urging the parties to enter into a discussion in an international conference; and issued an article on the Palestine question, a report on deaths in police custody and jail in Bangladesh and the publication *Peace Has Eternity*, for worldwide circulation.

5. Several Sources Foundation

(Special consultative status granted in 1999)

The Several Sources Foundation is a non-profit, non-sectarian organization, founded in 1981 and headquartered in New Jersey, that serves needy women and children throughout the world. It has over 5,000 members throughout the United States who help to finance its worldwide activities. It is an active member in other educational and informational organizations which help to promote well-being of needy women and children. It has provided financial and material assistance to individuals and groups in the United States and a number of nations in the period 1999-2002. The Foundation's social and humanitarian services help to educate and bring hope and needed resources to the poor in areas it serves.

International projects

The Foundation provided a full tuition scholarship (including books) totalling $53,782 to Fairleigh Dickinson University in August-November 2002 for an international intern/student from Belarus.

In August 2000, the Foundation attended World Youth Day in Rome to reach out to young people from around the world and teach the value of abstinence. It distributed 20,000 CD-ROMs to help educate youth to make healthy life choices, focusing on abstinence, sexually transmitted diseases, teen pregnancy, drugs, alcohol, peer pressure and decision-making skills.

In 2002, in response to the special session of the General Assembly on children, the Foundation provided grants to AIDS orphans in Kenya through Mothers of Rural AIDS Orphans, which helps to find foster homes to the children and make provisions for their education by providing a small library and school supplies. Financial aid was also sent to begin a training programme on AIDS education. A grant was given to purchase a used car and 15 bicycles that are being used to distribute food in the bush country to help feed AIDS orphans. It also sponsored eight students for their secondary education in Kenya and helped sponsor an AIDS-awareness conference in Nairobi in 2002.

In 2002, the Foundation provided a grant to ease the plight of children in Ghana who break stones in quarries. This was done through Children in Need (Ghana). Some of this money provided books, toothpaste and toothbrushes. Goggles to protect the children's eyes were sent, along with gloves, which were specially designed to fit the children and protect their hands from injury as they hammered the stone. Shoes and backpacks were also donated by the Foundation's benefactors for the children. A donation was made to start a health-care centre for women and children at one of the stone quarries outside Accra. The Foundation sponsored two people from Ghana to attend the special session of the General Assembly on children held in May 2002 in New York, where the Foundation's efforts were discussed with those attending the session.

In January 2002, the Foundation approved a grant to assist in determining the possibility of mechanizing a quarry in Ghana and ending the reliance on child labour at that quarry.

The Foundation has continued to provide funding for Ireland Youth Defense to operate a hotline to help pregnant women.

United States projects

The Foundation operates a number of projects in the United States, including a homeless shelter in New Jersey; a telephone help-line for homeless pregnant women; a sponsorship programme for 80 inner-city families; a sports mentoring programme for inner-city children; an international web site; and an interactive curriculum to help teach youth the consequences of their life decisions.